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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for getting in touch with me about possible amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The F.B.I. First Amendment Act of 1989, H.R. 50, regulates the conduct of the FBI in certain matters relating to the exercise of rights protected by the first amendment of the Federal constitution. It was introduced January 3, 1989 and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

As you know, I am a strong supporter of The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. I assure you I will keep your views in mind when reviewing H.R. 50 should it come before the full Senate for consideration.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records." Please do not hesitate to contact me about any other matter of concern to you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul S. Sarbanes
United States Senator

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